

Class work complete, ICDC NCOs ready to lead

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – The Iraqi Civil Defense Corps officially welcomed its NCO “backbone” during graduation ceremonies for the first Primarily Leadership Development Course March 11.

The NCOs completed the first class of the Primary Leadership Development Course conducted in Iraq by the United States Army.

The ceremony was held at the Camp Muleskinner, which is home to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment's Support Squadron. The regiment is part of Task Force 1st Armored Division.

One hundred sixteen ICDC soldiers participated in the historic ceremony. The program followed the U.S. Army's traditional ceremonial sequence of events.

It began with the arrival of the official party, which included members of the cadre, as well as guest speaker Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bush, 1st Armored Division command sergeant major.

Following the national anthems of the United States and Iraq, the new noncommissioned officers recited the NCO creed and charge in their native language.

“You are the history makers of this great country,” Bush told the NCOs.

He and Master Sgt. Johnny McKenzie, the NCO academy commandant, presented diplomas to the soldiers. As they walked through a receiving line, their chevrons were “wetted down,” following an NCO tradition.

Fifteen Training and Doctrine Command drill sergeants from Fort Sill, Okla., led the trainees through a 113-hour program of instruction (POI). The course focused on six areas: leadership, communication skills, maintenance, professional skills, military training and military studies. Emphasis was placed on leadership and professional skills.

Following a strict training schedule, the Iraqi soldiers practiced drill and ceremony and conducted physical training during the two-week course. Every classroom had an interpreter and instructional slides were presented in both English and Arabic. Soldiers were required to take a written exam and also received periodic counseling to evaluate their progress.

The initial course was opened up to soldiers serving in senior leadership positions such as platoon sergeant through sergeant major. Attendees were recommended for the course by their U.S. Army partners. Most served in leadership positions to prepare them for attendance in the class. Medical screening and background checks were conducted before soldiers reported for class.

“The general theme of the course was “BE KNOW DO.” Three simple words that the (Iraqi) Soldiers could speak, are easy to remember and when you apply the concept to the NCO corps, that's what we expect,” said Sgt. Maj. David



Iraqi Civil Defense Corps soldiers celebrate the completion of the inaugural Primary Leadership Development Course with one of their instructors, drill sergeant Staff Sgt. Carlos Clark.

Davenport, the 1AD operations section sergeant major (G3).

The drill sergeants said they were pleased with the progress made by their students. They learned basic commands in Arabic, but depended on interpreters to relay their messages. Drill sergeant Staff Sgt. Richard George said the cadre ensured that commands were understood correctly was through repetition of every task.

The respect that the ICDC soldiers had for their instructors became evident during the post-ceremony celebrations. The new NCOs hoisted their drill sergeants onto their shoulders while chanting traditional Iraqi cheers and songs as they carried them around the hall.

The ceremony marked a new beginning for the NCOs and their country as they assumed leadership positions in their nation's defense, Davenport said.

“I'm very excited about it,” Davenport said. “They're very eager to assume their new role.”

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NEWS...

Death Toll in Spain Bombings Nears 200

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Police combed shattered commuter trains Friday for clues after the worst terrorist attack in Spain's history left almost 200 people dead, while millions of Spaniards streamed into cold and rainy streets in silent tribute.

Hospital officials said a 7-month-old girl died Friday, raising the death toll to 199. Her mother is apparently hospitalized and her father is missing.

Homeland Security Issues Transit Alert

WASHINGTON (AP) - Homeland Security officials issued a bulletin advising state officials, police and transit and rail agencies to be vigilant in light of the bombings in Spain.

They were asked late Thursday night to consider additional surveillance and to look out for unattended bags and backpacks, Homeland Security spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said.

Greece Seeks NATO Help During Olympics

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Greece asked NATO on Friday for help with Olympic security as authorities deployed bomb squads and dogs at railroad stations after the deadly bombings in Spain.

Greek officials previously had said that NATO allies would be on standby in case of a terrorist attack or other crises during the Aug. 13-29 Olympics.

AP: Sudan Torn Between War and Peace

TINE, Chad (AP) - Sudan's 21-year civil war has long been seen as a fight between its Muslim north and its animist and Christian south.

But the fighting that is wreaking havoc in the Iraq-sized Darfur region of western Sudan shows how much more fractured the country is. Bombed out of his village, Muburak Sheik is one of more than 600,000 people made homeless in fighting that has cast a shadow over the U.S.-backed effort to pacify Africa's biggest country.

A victim of a new war that has broken out just as the old one is grinding to a halt, the 23-year-old finally made it to neighboring Chad after his left foot was mangled by shrapnel.

Thought for the day...

"Commitment"

Shortly after beginning construction on the Brooklyn Bridge, an accident took the life of the project architect and head engineer John Roebling, while at the same time paralyzing his son, Washington Roebling.

Although he could only move one finger as a result of the accident, Washington developed a finger tap code to communicate with his wife and assistants. For thirteen years, he lay in bed and tapped out instructions to the engineers on the project until the spectacular bridge was finally completed.

And in other news...

Church Nixes Good Friday Fenway Hot Dogs

BOSTON (AP) -- Opening Day ticket holders at Boston's Fenway Park this year who are Catholic face a dilemma: the Boston Archdiocese said since the afternoon game against the Toronto Blue Jays falls on Good Friday, they must refrain from eating meat, including hot dogs, sausages and pepperoni pizza.

"We're already getting all kinds of requests for dispensation to eat meat," said the Rev. Christopher J. Coyne, a spokesman for the archdiocese. However Coyne said that after a meeting to discuss the requests, Boston church leaders decided a baseball game was too weak an excuse to duck the no-meat rule.

"I would hope it was just an oversight when they were doing the schedule," Coyne told the Boston Herald. "I think it's very insensitive to the huge number of people who are Christians and fans."

In 1995 and 2000, Cardinal Bernard F. Law, then the head of the archdiocese, allowed local Catholics to eat meat when St. Patrick's Day fell on a Friday during Lent.

Cousins, Age 70 and 85, Die in Pistol Duel

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) - Two Mexican peasant farmers, cousins age 70 and 85, argued for years over water rights and finally faced off in an old-fashioned pistol duel that killed both, a judicial official said Wednesday.

Manuel Orozco and Candelario Orozco, who were also brothers-in-law, shot each other dead in the middle of a field Monday night in the western state of Jalisco.

Their bodies were found only 11 feet apart with one fatal bullet wound each and two pistols lying nearby.

"Initial investigations are along the lines that it was a duel because of family problems," said Jose Ramirez, spokesman for the Jalisco state prosecutor's office.

Manuel, 70, fired a .45 caliber Colt pistol and his 85-year-old cousin was packing a .22 caliber pistol.

Jalisco is the traditional home of mariachi music and the distilled spirit tequila, and is known in Mexico for its macho culture.

The two men had long debated ownership of a water spring that Candelario used to irrigate a small corn plot near the town of Pihuamo.

The disagreement began to get out of hand when a water pipe broke recently.

"Their relatives had spoken to them to get them to solve it but, as you know, older people are a bit more stubborn and obstinate and they never reached an agreement," Ramirez said.

Today in History...

March 13, 1868: IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF ANDREW JOHNSON BEGINS:

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) For the first time in U.S. history, the impeachment trial of an American president gets underway in the U.S. Senate. President Andrew Johnson, reviled by the Republican-dominated Congress for his views on Reconstruction, stood accused of having violated the controversial Tenure of Office Act, passed by Congress over his veto in 1867.

At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, Johnson, a U.S. senator from Tennessee, was the only senator from a seceding state who remained loyal to the Union. Johnson's political career was built on his defense of the interests of poor white Southerners against the landed classes; of his decision to oppose secession, he said, "Damn the negroes; I am fighting those traitorous aristocrats, their masters." For his loyalty, President Abraham Lincoln appointed him military governor of Tennessee in 1862, and in 1864 Johnson was elected vice president of the United States.

Sworn in as president after Lincoln's assassination in April 1865, President Johnson enacted a lenient Reconstruction policy for the defeated South, including almost total amnesty to ex-Confederates, a program of rapid restoration of U.S.-state status for the seceded states, and the approval of new, local Southern governments, which were able to legislate "black codes" that preserved the system of slavery in all but name. The Republican-dominated Congress greatly opposed Johnson's Reconstruction program and passed the "Radical Reconstruction" by repeatedly overriding the president's vetoes. Under the Radical Reconstruction, local Southern governments gave way to federal military rule, and African-American men in the South were granted the constitutional right to vote.

In March 1867, in order further to weaken Johnson's authority, Congress passed the Tenure of Office Act over his veto. The act prohibited the president from removing federal office holders, including Cabinet members, who had been confirmed by the Senate, without the consent of the Senate. It was designed to shield members of Johnson's Cabinet like Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, who was appointed during the Lincoln administration and was a leading ally of the so-called Radical Republicans in Congress. In the fall of 1867, Johnson attempted to test the constitutionality of the act by replacing Stanton with General Ulysses S. Grant. However, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to rule on the case, and Grant turned the office back to Stanton after the Senate passed a measure in protest of the dismissal.

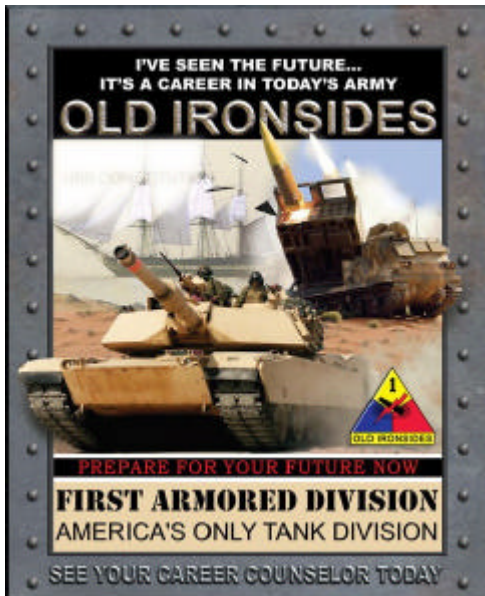
On February 21, 1868, Johnson decided to rid himself of Stanton once and for all and appointed General Lorenzo Thomas, an individual far less favorable to the Congress than Grant, as secretary of war. Stanton refused to yield, barricading himself in his office, and the House of Representatives, which had already discussed impeachment after Johnson's first dismissal of Stanton, initiated formal impeachment proceedings against the president.

On February 24, the House voted 11 impeachment articles against President Johnson. Nine of the articles cited his violations of the Tenure of Office Act; one cited his opposition to the Army Appropriations Act of 1867 (designed to deprive the president of his constitutional position as commander in chief of the U.S. Army); and one accused Johnson of bringing "into disgrace, ridicule, hatred, contempt, and reproach the Congress of the United States" through certain controversial speeches.

On March 13, according to the rules set out in Section 3 of Article I of the U.S. Constitution, the impeachment trial of President Johnson began in the Senate. U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase presided over the proceedings, which were described as theatrical. On May 16 and again on May 26, the Senate voted on the charges brought against President Johnson. Both times the vote was 35 for conviction and 19 for acquittal, with seven moderate Republicans joining 12 Democrats in voting against what was a weak case for impeachment.

Because both votes fell short--by one vote--of the two-thirds majority needed to convict Johnson, he was judged not guilty and remained in office. Nevertheless, he chose not to actively seek reelection on the Democratic ticket. In November, Ulysses S. Grant, who supported the Republicans' Radical Reconstruction policies, was elected president of the United States.

In 1875, after two failed bids, Johnson won reelection to Congress as a U.S. senator from Tennessee. He died less than four months after taking office at the age of 66. Fifty-one years later, the U.S. Supreme Court declared the Tenure of Office Act unconstitutional in its ruling in *Myers v. United States*.



BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 1



REDEPLOYMENT PRAYER BREAKFAST

**WHERE: NORTH END OF BOB HOPE DFAC
WHEN: 0700, 18 MARCH
SPEAKER: BG CURTIS SCAPAROTTI**

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	WALKING WITH DINOSAURS - TIME OF THE TITANS			00:00
00:30	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - CUSA CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS: UAB VS DEPAUL	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	WALKING WITH PREHISTORIC BEASTS (TVG): - WHALE KILLER		HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00			BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER (TV14): - SPIRAL	BOB THE BUILDER	LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		JOJO'S CIRCUS (TVY): - CONFETTI CAPER/JOJO ON THE TIGHTROPE		01:30
02:00			IRON CHEF (TVPG): - SQUID/CHEN VS TETSUTOSHI SHIMAZU	CHALKZONE (TVY): - POP GOES THE BALLOON / SNAP BUILDS HIS DREAM HOUSE / FIREPLUG BALLET / THERE YOU ARE	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30	SPORTSCENTER	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS (TVY): - LOVE POTION 9.368	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS: BOSTON COLLEGE VS PITTSBURGH	FOOLS RUSH IN	THE VIEW (TVPG):	YU-GI-OH! (TVY7): - YUGI VS. PEGASUS: MATCH OF THE MILLENNIUM (PT. 2)	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30				ROMEO (TVY): - LET'S MAKE A DEAL	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			WHAT NOT TO WEAR (TVPG): - CHRISTINE	HEADLINE NEWS	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30				NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS		04:30
05:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS	WINCHELL	WHILE YOU WERE OUT (TVPG): - OREGON: PLUMERIA WAY	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINALS: MARYLAND VS WAKE FOREST	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			TRADING SPACES (TVG): - SEATTLE: 137TH STREET		THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	GILMORE GIRLS (TVPG): - SAY GOODNIGHT, GRACIE		BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30	SPORTSCENTER	ESPNEWS		COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - MWC CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS	HEADLINE NEWS	THE DIVISION (TVPG): - OBSESSIONS	WWE RAW! (TV14):	LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00		BOB THE BUILDER	THE WEDDING PLANNER	LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - LIZZIE & KATE'S BIG ADVENTURE	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30		JOJO'S CIRCUS (TVY): - CONFETTI CAPER/JOJO ON THE TIGHTROPE		THAT'S SO RAVEN (TVY7): - A DOG BY ANY OTHER NAME		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	CHALKZONE (TVY): - POP GOES THE BALLOON / SNAP BUILDS HIS DREAM HOUSE / FIREPLUG BALLET / THERE YOU ARE		OPERATION JUNKYARD (TVG): - BATTLESHIP	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS (TVY): - LOVE POTION 9.368		HOW TO BOIL WATER (TVG): - SLOW AND STEADY		10:30
11:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP: STEPHEN F. AUSTIN VS TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO	YU-GI-OH! (TVY7): - YUGI VS. PEGASUS: MATCH OF THE MILLENNIUM (PT. 2)	THE VIEW (TVPG):	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (TVPG):	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30		ROMEO (TVY): - LET'S MAKE A DEAL			ARMY NEWSWATCH	11:30
12:00		LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - LIZZIE & KATE'S BIG ADVENTURE	WHAT NOT TO WEAR (TVPG): - CHRISTINE	HEADLINE NEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30		THAT'S SO RAVEN (TVY7): - A DOG BY ANY OTHER NAME		ESPNEWS		12:30
13:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINALS: MISSISSIPPI ST. VS TBD	OPERATION JUNKYARD (TVG): - BATTLESHIP	WHILE YOU WERE OUT (TVPG): - OREGON: PLUMERIA WAY	MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - FROM DUMMY TO DADDY	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:30		HOW TO BOIL WATER (TVG): - SLOW AND STEADY		ACCORDING TO JIM (TVPG): - DEAL WITH THE DEVLINS		13:30
14:00		ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (TVPG):	TRADING SPACES (TVG): - SEATTLE: 137TH STREET	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - 7A WF 83429	DATELINE NBC	14:00
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15:30	SPORTSCENTER					15:30
16:00		MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - FROM DUMMY TO DADDY	THE DIVISION (TVPG): - OBSESSIONS	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	16:00
16:30	NHL COOL SHOTS	ACCORDING TO JIM (TVPG): - DEAL WITH THE DEVLINS		SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') (TV14): - COLIN FIRTH/NORAH JONES		16:30
17:00	ESPNEWS	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - 7A WF 83429	THE WEDDING PLANNER		SATURDAY TODAY	17:00
17:30	WIRE TO WIRE					17:30
18:00	SPORTSCENTER	LAW & ORDER (TV14): - PATIENT ZERO		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD (TVPG):		18:00
19:00		NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	THE VIEW (TVPG):	THE ENTERTAINERS (TVPG):	WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORT	19:00
19:30	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP: MAINE VS VERMONT	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - CUSA CHAMPIONSHIP			AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	19:30
20:00			WHAT NOT TO WEAR (TVPG): - CHRISTINE	SPORTSCENTER	DATELINE NBC	20:00
21:00			WHILE YOU WERE OUT (TVPG): - OREGON: PLUMERIA WAY	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS		21:00
21:30	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS					21:30
21:45		MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS				21:45
22:00			TRADING SPACES (TVG): - SEATTLE: 137TH STREET		HEADLINE NEWS	22:00
22:30					ARMY NEWSWATCH	22:30
23:00			GILMORE GIRLS (TVPG): - SAY GOODNIGHT, GRACIE	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	23:00
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